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1. Human Rights Information and Training Center

Special, 2004

Introduction

Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) is based in the Republic of Yemen and operates at the local and regional levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HRITC strives to build capacities and raise awareness of human rights by advocating and mobilizing support to prevent human rights violations and enhancing accountability in cooperation with local, regional and international institutions. Specifically, it: builds capacities for human rights activists and NGOs through training sessions and workshops; raises public awareness on human rights protection concepts and mechanisms through seminars, panel discussions and conferences; prepares and disseminates studies on human rights and development issues; advocates with decision-makers on legislation reforms; and documents human rights violations by issuing reports.

Significant changes in the organization

HRITC has elected a new President and Executive Director.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

HRITC contributes to the work of the United Nations by promoting human rights values and principles amongst civil society actors in Arabic speaking countries. It organized various training and workshops on enhancing the media's role and transparency in promoting human rights, supporting transitional justice and national reconciliation, optimizing partnerships amongst civil society actors, and ending discrimination against women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, HRITC actively participated in various sessions of the Human Rights Council and presented oral statements. It has also participated in the special session on the Universal Periodic Report (UPR) of Yemen as well as consultative meetings on the post-2015 Development Agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2012 and 2014, HRITC cooperated with the following United Nations' bodies:

United Nations Development Program (UNDP): provided recommendations to UNDP's transitional justice programme in conjunction with its Ministry of Human Rights;

United Nations Children's Fund (UNCIEF): implemented project "Safe Zone for Children" which provides social and psychological training to children;

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); organized seminars and provided inputs related to rights and freedom which helped shape the new Yemeni constitution.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HRITC has been on the frontline of invigorating discussions on development and human rights policies in the Arabic speaking countries. It also engaged in discussions with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in the lead up to the adoption of the post-2015 Development Agenda.

2. Human Rights Now

Special, 2012

Introduction

Human Rights Now (HRN) is amongst the first international human rights NGOs in Japan. Established in 2006 by professionals, lawyers, scholars and journalists in the human rights field, its membership includes over 700 associates with activities expanding across Asia and the Middle East.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HRN seeks to improve the human rights situation in Asia by highlighting human rights violations and enabling victims to have their voices heard. In collaboration with international and grassroots NGOs around the world, HRN aims to, inter alia, contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide, with a special focus on Asian countries; and promote the incorporation of international human rights standards within the national framework of Japan.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

HRN implements concrete initiatives to support the application of international human rights standards and norms established by the United Nations. Between 2012 and 2015, it conducted multiple advocacy efforts in support of the economic and social rights of people affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the Fukushima nuclear incident. HRN also addressed business and human rights in global supply chains and held seminars to disseminate the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights advocating for Japan's adoption of a national action plan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

HRN attended, presented oral remarks and submitted written statements to sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC). It organized side events during the

21st and 26th HRC sessions convened in May 2013 and June 2014 respectively. It also organized side events during the 56th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

HRN supported the work of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health while assisting people affected by the Fukushima-1 nuclear incident and contributed to a periodic report on this situation. In December 2012, it invited the Director of the United Nations Women (UN Women) Office in Asia and the Pacific to a seminar addressing domestic violence against women in Japan.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HRN contributed to global efforts to improve health and end domestic violence against women as part of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the post-2015 Development Agenda by regularly organizing thematic seminars and raising public awareness on these issues.

3. Ibero American Institute of Aeronautic and Space Law and Commercial Aviation

Special, 1976

Introduction

Ibero American Institute of Aeronautic and Space Law and Commercial Aviation (IAIASLCA) is a non-profit organization that engages with international actors in its jurisdiction of aeronautical and spatial law.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It seeks to promote knowledge, raise awareness and establish international cooperation with regard to aeronautical and spatial laws as well as commercial aviation through international conferences and publications.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAIASLC conducts research on aeronautical and space law and shares its findings with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS). It has organized 42 congresses addressing air and space law, published the proceedings of 37 congresses and 32 reports and publications.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Having obtained observer status with the UNCOPUOS in June 2012, IAIASLC has actively participated in the 52nd, 53rd and 54th sessions of the Legal Subcommittee of UNCOPUOS.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IAIASLC annually organizes the "Ibero American Congress" a congress where items under the purview of air and space law are discussed. Once adopted, the outcome and recommendations are shared with ICAO, the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) and to embassies and airlines of the Ibero American countries. On 5 April 2013, it submitted a statement to the United Nations Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) High-Level Segment on "Outer Space and Sustainable Development."

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, IAIASLC organized seminars which contributed to the promotion of the sustainable development, environmental sustainability and global partnership for development. It also signed agreements with universities and national and foreign institutions for cooperation in the study of aeronautical and spatial topics, including safety issues in aviation and international law. This includes collaboration with the Chilean Institute of Aviation and Space Law, the Ecuadorian Civil Space Agency and the Paraguay Space Agency, amongst others.

4. Impact for Change and Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2003, Impact for Change and Development Limited by Guarantee (ICDLG) is based in Nigeria dedicated to empowering women, children and youth in difficult circumstances.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICDLG seeks to support its beneficiaries to embrace positive changes and sustainable development through initiatives in the areas of conflict management, peacebuilding, women and children's rights, good governance, gender equality and civic political education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICDLG has developed a handbook for journalists to provide guidance on gender sensitive reporting and increased understanding of gender issues in line with

Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women Peace and Security. It also undertook the following initiatives:

- capacity building for law enforcement agents to enhance interagency cooperation and coordination;
- training of military and security personnel in the area of children and women's protection in violent conflict and post-conflict environments;
- encouraging participation of women and youth in local governance structures and decision making institutions; and
- capacity building workshops for rural women and youth in literacy and numeracy and skills in peacebuilding and conflict management.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICDLG partnered with a number of United Nations entities to implement the global development agenda. These partnerships include collaborating with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for a study on female genital mutilation, and engaging with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to build capacity for inter-agency cooperation amongst security agencies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICDLG promoted gender equality and empowerment of women by launching literacy and numeracy capacity building projects for women in rural communities of Ogun and Lagos States, and capacity building training for women in the Delta State for engagement with oil companies and government officials in light of interventions arising from conflict. It also advocated for the elimination of female genital mutilation and ending female child mortality.

5. Indian Development Foundation

Special. 2012

Introduction

With over 30 years of humanitarian service, the Indian Development Foundation (IDF) is dedicated to improving health, education and development in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IDF aims to create improved conditions for basic health, education and empowerment of every citizen.

Significant changes in the organization

IDF has scaled up its operations and expanded to new districts and villages in India.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IDF has intensified its education and health awareness programmes with particular reference to addressing leprosy and tuberculosis. It also set up after-school programmes, an innovative education programme which assists "slow learners" cope with education thereby reducing the school dropout rate. It also established a "Centre of Excellence" to enhance the employability quotient among job-seekers and provide vocational training and adult education through skills development programmes. It started online coaching of students and launched significant knowledge emitting programmes to inculcate leadership qualities among the youth.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IDF contributed to the MDGs by taking concrete measures to reduce poverty by providing food to poverty-struck families through mid-day meal programmes. It also supported primary education by launching the "Bal Gurukul" after-school programmes in rural and urban slums which, inter alia, created awareness of HIV/AIDS and nutritional information.

6. Indian Social Institute

Special, 2004

Introduction

Indian Social Institute (ISI) is a national institute for research, training and action for socio-economic development and human rights. It was established in 1951 in response to a new emerging social order in the aftermath of India's independence in 1947.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ISI aims to enhance people's right to live a dignified life, and to evolve a just, democratic and secular society where human rights are upheld, diversity is respected and holistic development is realized.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ISI contributed to various seminars on free speech, democracy, violence against marginalized women and gender justice between 2012 and 2014. It also commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous People annually.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISI participated in the 11th and 13th sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2012 and 2014. In addition to attending the 29th Human Rights Council (HRC), it also participated in the following meetings convened in Geneva, Switzerland:

First session of the Open-ended Inter-Governmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises from 6 to 10 July 2015;

114th session of the Human Rights Committee for the review of Uzbekistan's fourth periodic on 8 and 9 July 2015; and

61st session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on 10 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2012, ISI engaged in consultations on urban poverty in an event hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and conducted a case study for a project sponsored by the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD). In 2013, it partnered with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to draft a publication addressing the challenges faced by the Chin refugees in India. Furthermore, ISI facilitated the visit of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief in February 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ISI contributed to the MDGs by maximizing efforts to combat poverty and gender inequality through 24 research projects on indigenous peoples, domestic migrants, refugees, women, minorities and unorganized labour. Between 2012 and 2015, it launched capacity building workshops to alleviate poverty conditions in 10 slum clusters and hosted a workshop on optimizing technology through income generating activities for rural women.

7. Indigenous Information Network

Special, 2012

Introduction

Indigenous Information Network (IIN) is a regional organization dedicated to improving livelihoods and empowering indigenous populations of Kenya.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IIN seeks to promote rights, improve livelihoods, empower and build capacity of indigenous peoples and their communities on development issues through: dissemination of information on issues adversely impacting growth and development; promotion of gender equality in sustainable development; and collaboration with community-based and international institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015, IIN developed and implemented its strategic plan for the period 2015 to 2019. It also became a member of the Gender and Climate Change Working Group in 2015 and obtained observer status with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2013.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IIN took part in different fora of the United Nations including expert group and intergovernmental meetings and made substantive inputs by submitting oral and written statements and convening side events. During the period under review, representatives actively contributed to discussions on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives participated in the 12th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2013; the Expert Group meeting on the sexual and reproductive health in New York from 16 to 18 January 2014; and the 30th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In March 2014, IIN collaborated with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to convene a workshop on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable uses of biodiversity. In the same year, it liaised with WIPO to organize a workshop on intellectual property for indigenous representatives in Kenya.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IIN contributed to the MDGs by facilitating access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in households of Narok, Marsabit and West Pokot counties benefitting over 2,500 community members in Kenya. It also conducted advocacy and outreach on climate change and annually observed the World Environment Day.

8. Indigenous Peoples Survival Foundation

Special, 2004

Introduction

Indigenous People Survival Foundation (IPSF) is an NGO working to promote understanding between modern civil society and indigenous communities in the Hindukush region of the Himalayas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IPSF's goal is to provide information to indigenous people in their native language about their human rights, natural resources, and United Nations' conventions that protect those rights. It utilizes indigenous knowledge and global resources to promote food security and health in the communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IPSF disseminates information from the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) to indigenous people in their native tribal language. For example, IPSF translated the message of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights in indigenous languages and conveyed it to the Kalash and Kho tribes in the Hindukush region. It also mobilized volunteers to maintain the traditional drinking water supply from the glacier melt to indigenous communities. Between 2013 and 2015, IPSF recruited a neurosurgeon to educate the population on preventing birth defects in children, in particular neural tube defects such as hydrocephalus and spina bifida.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPSF attended the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Written statements were presented and oral remarks were made during the 13th and 14th sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IPSF was selected by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as the focal point to represent the indigenous youth of Asia and to collaborate on charting an indigenous food map. It also attended the "Slow Food International" youth conference in Milan, Italy in October 2015 and met with indigenous FAO focal points from various parts of the world.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Between 2012 and 2015, this organization contributed to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Hindukush region through the following initiatives:

MDG 1: Provided nutritional care that benefitted over 124,000 people;

MDG 4 and 5: Raised awareness on the effects of folic acid deficiency, in particular for women, and the benefits of restorative measures to prevent birth defects; and

MDG 7: Advocated for the sustainable and clean use of traditional water channels.

9. Innovation: Africa

Special, 2012

Introduction

Innovation: Africa (IA) is an Israeli non-profit organization that brings innovative solar and water technologies to remote parts of Africa. Since its establishment in 2008, it has facilitated access to water, solar power and vaccines of approximately 824,125 people in seven African countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

At the core of IA's mission is the belief that water and solar infrastructure are the pathways to making sustainable changes. In view of this, IA aims to facilitate sustainable development in Africa by channelling energy to rural communities and empowering healthcare and education in communities through tools to overcome poverty.

Significant changes in the organization

IA has made significant changes to its programming by launching new projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa and Senegal.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its programmes, IA actively pursues the global Agenda for Development aiming to achieve universal electrification by 2030. It provides innovative sustainable development tools to communities, such as the "eco-village" projects, which combine multiple projects into a cohesive community-based venture. IA also contributes to forging partnerships by increasing its cooperation with both national and local governments.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IA regularly collaborates with the United Nations Foundation (UNF) as part of UNF's Energy Practitioner's Network and participates in their monthly conference

calls. Since 2014 it has annually attended the sessions of Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IA developed a remote monitoring mechanism in communities to ensure programmatic effectiveness in sustainable development initiatives which won an award at the Global South-South Development Expo 2013 held in Nairobi, Kenya.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millenium Development Goals

IA's water and drip irrigation projects aim to eradicate starvation and death by water-borne illness. Access to locally-driven and sanitary sources of water contributes to community resilience. IA also implements the installation of solar systems in health clinics and schools which greatly reduces the infant mortality rate and supports maternal care. Owing to solar-powered facilities, hospitals are extended round the clock access to electricity which allow refrigerators to safely conserve vaccines.

10. Institut Jules-Destrée

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Institut Jules-Destrée (IJD) is an independent non-profit NGO, founded in Belgium on 11 June 1938. Through its comprehensive continuing education services and its activities as a European inter-university research centre, it operates as a detector of change and a generator of ideas in support of concrete action to promote deliberative democracy and the public interest.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IJD has emerged both as a space for interaction to foster democratic good governance among key power structures and as a tool bringing together high-level interdisciplinary skills in the interests of development, research, capacity-building and civic engagement. It focuses on four areas of action: historical research, information sharing, strategic foresight and civic engagement.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Millennia 2015 Women Actors of Development for the Global Challenges Foundation is an international foresight research process created and implemented by IJD starting in 2008. The action plans and concrete actions of the Millennia 2025 Women and Innovation Foundation are the outcome of the Millennia 2015 foresight research process and of the Action Plan for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, which was finalized in December 2012. The objective of the Millennia

2025 Foundation is to gather funds in order to implement the activities of the Millennia 2015 foresight research process for women's empowerment and gender equality. It has responsibility for implementing them and following up on the action plans with the organizations partnering with Millennia 2025.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IID took part in the fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Millennia 2025 Women and Innovation Foundation's Action Plan for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, created in 2012 under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), arose as a result of the international foresight research process pursued by IID since 2008.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Millennia 2025 Women and Innovation Foundation is a concrete undertaking which seeks to generate innovation for women's empowerment and gender equality; these aims are entirely in line with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

11. Institute for Interreligious Dialogue

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Institute for Interreligious Dialogue (IID) is a non-governmental organization founded in 2000 in Iran. It is determined to safeguard freedom of religion and promotes peace and social justice through spiritual and interfaith activities with an emphasis on combating violence through dialogue.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IID's goals are to: identify commonalities and facilitate religious coexistence; encourage interfaith dialogue in communities by promoting compassion, cooperation, partnership and community service; include religious minorities, women and youth in decision making processes; reinforce religious duties; and raise awareness about different religions through unbiased media articles.

Significant changes in the organization

IID has incorporated the use of social media in its strategy to enhance information-sharing and to attract a growing numbers of online audience.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IID advocated with international organizations, media and religious leaders in Iran by disseminating calendars highlighting important observance days and emphasizing their significance. It also observed the International Day of Happiness and translated messages instrumental to wellbeing of communities to Farsi to broaden the scope of public comprehension.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IID collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) during the launch of the event nominating the Chair of the Inter-Religious Dialogue Studies in the Islamic World convened in Iran in February 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IID contributes to the MDGs by supporting local charities that educate talented and indigent students. It also took measures towards combating HIV/AIDS in cooperation with religious leaders. It further advocated with government institutions on the United Nations' observance days and development goals by heralding important issues facing humanity such as water preservation, emigration and education.

12. Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure (IDEAL) seeks to promote a new educational system based on the principles of "education through experience" in keeping with spiritual, ecological, economic and human values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IDEAL seeks to: (i) create a vision of humanity as one family, (ii) foster moral, social, and aesthetic values through educational programs and leisure activities, and (iii) establish prenatal education programs and birth centres worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IDEAL contributes to building knowledge of and support for the United Nations at the grassroots level. It also raises public awareness of the United Nations legislation such as the Convention on the Rights of Child.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As an NGO associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations (DPI/NGO) and member of the Sub-Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, NGO Committee on Children's Rights and the NGO Committee on Mental Health, IDEAL regularly attends meetings of these United Nations' entities and follows thematic discussions in subjects under their purview. In 2015, it organized side events in the margins of the 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSD) and the 59th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IDEAL collaborated with DPI/NGO to organize various briefings, include co-chairing an event addressing children's mental health and well-being during the World Mental Health Day function convened in New York on 13 October 2013. It also contributed to discussions on transforming the juvenile system in a DPI/NGO briefing held in New York on 14 November 2013. In 2015, it jointly collaborated with DPI/NGO on 10 December 2015 to organize a briefing on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights targeting the participation of youth.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IDEAL contributed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by organizing a series of interactive conferences, artistic workshops and osteopathy seminars to promote prenatal and perinatal education. In September 2014, it organized the First International Conference on Pre and Perinatal Awareness in India which was attended by some 200 participants.

13. Institute of Asian Culture and Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Institute of Asian Culture and Development (IACD) is dedicated to social and economic development in Eurasia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IACD seeks to provide education and training by enabling the rapid deployment of staff to provide medical care and emergency relief in hardship locations.

Significant changes in the organization

IACD deployed experts to Syrian refugee camps located in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IACD provides humanitarian assistance and social relief work in regions recovering from disasters in the Middle East and Southeast Asia including Egypt, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, and Uzbekistan. This includes deploying teams to provide medical care, relief supplies and support the installation of temporary homes as well as support to primary education facilities in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Its services accounted for provision of care to over 9,000 refugees of whom 5,849 were in Jordan, 1,800 in Lebanon and 1,500 in Turkey.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012, IACD attended and submitted statements to the 57th session of the Commission on the Status for Women (CSW) on recommendations to address violence against women and girls. In 2015, it attended the 53rd session of the Commission for Social Development (CSD) in 2015 and submitted a statement addressing education as a tool to strengthen social development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IACD has been a major contributor to the MDGs as specified below:

MDG 1 and 3: Delivery of vocational training to 135 female refugees in Jordan; 540 women in Afghanistan; and training in language and computer skills to over 1,700 in Afghanistan.

MDGs 2: Support to primary education of 78 underprivileged youths annually in Mongolia, 30 children annually in Kyrgyzstan, 30 orphans in Afghanistan, 190 Syrian refugee children in Jordan and Lebanon and 300 Syrian refugee children in Turkey;

MDGs 4 and 6: Provision of medical care to 25,320 people including maternal and prenatal care to 428 women; deploying short-term medical teams which served over 10,495 patients of whom 3,614 were children; distributed medicinal supplies to 5,706 individuals; and provided hygiene education to 11,409 in the Lao People's Democratic Republic;

MDGs 7: Assistance to refugees in the Mongolian desert displaced due to environmental changes by furnishing equipment to implement renewable energy, technology and sustainable agricultural initiatives; construction of 23 model greenhouses; training to 500 families in planting and installation of water pipes in refugee camps located in Lebanon.

14. Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMEST) is the largest marine organisation of its kind with a worldwide membership of over 18,000 individuals from 120 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IMEST aims to promote the scientific development of marine engineering, science and technology and provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and practices.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations by actively attending meetings and working groups, hosting educative events and publicizing findings on issues related to scientific development. This includes following the developments of the: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC); International Maritime Organization (IMO); and the Open-Ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea, amongst others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of IMEST attended the 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th sessions of the IOC organized by UNESCO and participated in various meetings of the Marine Environment Protection Committee addressing maritime safety and presenting on effective monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions. Having obtained observer status with the IMO in 2015, it also regularly attended consultative meetings in relation to the London Convention of 1972 and London Protocol of 1996.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IMEST collaborated with UNESCO during the 45th session of its Executive Council on NGO support to the United Nations convened from 26 to 28 June 2012 and presented a publication featuring its findings on the "International Indian Ocean Experiment." It contributed to various IMO publications and distributed guidance materials on related topics to include measures to enhance technical energy efficiency in shipping, ballast water management and the application of IMO regulatory frameworks to marine autonomous systems.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IMESI supported the development agenda by leading discussions in scientific development of marine engineering, science and technology in collaboration with United Nations entities. It also regularly observes the World Maritime Day and World Hydrography Day.

15. Institute of Social Studies Trust

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST) is an NGO dedicated to economic development in India and South Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ISST adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its research and programmes by seeking to generate social changes with a focus on improving livelihood, and the employment and wellbeing of vulnerable communities while ensuring gender sensitive considerations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ISST regularly organizes discussions on contemporary concerns and disseminates research and findings among scholars and policy makers. In 2012, it undertook a project in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to develop quality benchmarks and assessment of day care services for children. ISST was commissioned to develop a baseline for a project on enhancing accessibility of provisions for women in poor regions of India, which was supported by the United Nations Trust Fund. In 2015, ISST completed a comparative research study funded by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) on gender-egalitarian policies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISST attended the 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2012. In October 2013, it attended the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Interregional Expert Group Meeting on the Social Protection Toolbox in Bangkok, Thailand. In November 2013, it partook in a meeting convened by the United Nations Women (UN Women) in New Delhi, India. ISST also presented findings on policy change for domestic workers in India during the 4th Conference on Regulating for Decent Work held in Geneva, Switzerland from 8 to 10 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ISST partnered with UN Women to organize a conference commemorating International Women's Day on 9 March 2012. It partnered with UNESCAP to organize a national consultation workshop on strengthening social protection convened in New Delhi, India on 4 July 2013. ISST co-hosted a national workshop with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on "Evaluations for Development with Equity and Equality" in New Delhi, India on 16-17 April 2015. It also collaborated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) on a study to examine gender wage gaps, developing participatory tools and cultivating changes in domestic working conditions.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Activities of ISST's community centre are primarily aimed at eradicating poverty and hunger, providing support to elementary schools, advocating for gender equity and improving maternal and child health through health camps and community-based programmes.